

served, I just wanted to rise as one of the most junior to have served with him to express my gratitude for what he has done for so many of his colleagues as a mentor, a role model, and a friend.

Annie and I are so grateful to you and Marcelle for the warm welcome you gave us when we first arrived a dozen years ago, and I will never forget our first encounter.

Some know that when I was elected in 2010, I was nicknamed “the accidental Senator” because I had an opponent who had said something awkward on television about being a witch, and I won by a decisive margin, despite being initially viewed as a real, real long shot.

So, when I had been here just a few weeks, I was summoned to the office of the chairman of the Judiciary Committee—the President pro tem. As I sat there, he had a fire burning in the fireplace of this majestic office.

He thundered at me for a few minutes: I am thinking of an obscure county-elected official—someone no one thought could win, someone with none of the qualifications or experience for a U.S. Senator, someone 99th in seniority. Who am I thinking about?

I shrank back in my chair and said: Why—why, Mr. Chairman, clearly, you are thinking of me.

He goes: No. Me.

When I first got here as a 33-year-old former county prosecutor, everyone said I was an accidental Senator. Today, you call me chairman and President pro tem. Don’t ever forget this moment and how it feels—your awe of this place. In every election, promise me you will go find someone who is a long shot—an unexpected winner—and invest some time and effort in them.

Then, to make the meeting more memorable, he handed me a generous check with which to hire staff counsel for my Judiciary subcommittee.

PATRICK, I will never forget that first encounter. It would be enough if that were the only time you had shown me generosity and kindness, but there are dozens and dozens more, like the codel that Annie and I joined you and Marcelle on when we went to Haiti, to Cuba, and to Colombia. We got to go to a mountaintop and see the remarkable Kogi people, who are pre-Colombian, and they witnessed to us about the impact of climate change in a moment I will never forget.

You took me along with you to visit Alan Gross in a Cuban prison.

You showed me what this place can do and what an American who is dedicated to leading with our values can accomplish.

As your successor in chairing the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee, I am passionate about continuing your work to ban landmines and to fund the victims of war; to ensure that our commitment to clean up the legacy we left behind in Vietnam is carried out; and to ensure the Leahy

Law—one of the many things you have done that bears your name—is justifiably moved forward.

In those first 6 months, you gave me a chance to do a field hearing in Delaware with you, as a new member of the Judiciary Committee. In some of these last weeks together, you have shown us, yet again, what it means to be committed to your State; to leave a legacy of decency, kindness, persistence, thoughtfulness; and to insist on a Senate where Senators keep their word.

You have had an incredible staff who has been wonderful to work with. You have honored your family in your service, and you have inspired a younger generation of Senators to continue in the way that you have led.

While I know I will never cast 17,000 votes, it is only my hope that, someday, many years from now, I can thunder at some very junior Senator and share with him the story of this most seasoned and most admirable President pro tem, my friend.

Thank you, PATRICK.

Thank you, Marcelle.

You are wonderful colleagues and friends.

With that, I yield the floor.

VOTE ON RUMBAUGH NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Rumbaugh nomination?

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The result was announced—yeas 80, nays 10, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 401 Ex.]

YEAS—80

Baldwin	Cornyn	Hirono
Bennet	Cortez Masto	Hoeven
Blackburn	Cotton	Hyde-Smith
Blumenthal	Cramer	Kaine
Blunt	Crapo	Kelly
Booker	Duckworth	King
Boozman	Durbin	Klobuchar
Brown	Ernst	Leahy
Cantwell	Feinstein	Lee
Capito	Fischer	Luján
Cardin	Gillibrand	Manchin
Carper	Graham	Markey
Casey	Grassley	McConnell
Cassidy	Hagerty	Menendez
Collins	Hassan	Merkley
Coons	Heinrich	Murkowski

Murphy	Rounds	Tillis
Murray	Schatz	Toomey
Ossoff	Schumer	Tuberville
Padilla	Shaheen	Van Hollen
Paul	Shelby	Warner
Peters	Sinema	Warnock
Portman	Smith	Warren
Reed	Stabenow	Whitehouse
Risch	Sullivan	Wyden
Romney	Tester	Young
Rosen	Thune	

NAYS—10

Braun	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Daines	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Hawley	Marshall	
Johnson	Rubio	

NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Inhofe	Sasse
Burr	Lummis	Wicker
Cruz	Moran	
Hickenlooper	Sanders	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SINEMA). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

The Senator from Hawaii.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2:15, the Senate consider the Shriver nomination; and that at 2:30, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, as provided under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDING THE NOT INVISIBLE ACT OF 2019

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, as in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 5087 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5087) to amend the Not Invisible Act of 2019 to extend, and provide additional support for, the activities of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask unanimous consent that the Schatz substitute amendment at the desk be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 6556) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF, AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JOINT COMMISSION ON REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST INDIANS.

(a) **EXTENSION OF COMMISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION.**—Section 4 of the Not Invisible Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-166; 134 Stat. 767) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by striking “18 months after the enactment” and inserting “36 months after the date of enactment”; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking “2 years” and inserting “42 months”.

(b) **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSION.**—Section 4(b) of the Not Invisible Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-166; 134 Stat. 767) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “; OPERATION” after “MEMBERSHIP”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) **GIFTS.**—The Commission may accept and use gifts or donations of services or property from Indian tribes or Tribal entities, academic institutions, or other not-for-profit organizations as it considers necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission described in subsection (c).”.

The bill (S. 5087), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:23 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. MURPHY).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Robert Harley Shriver III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

FOR THE RELIEF OF MARIA ISABEL BUESO BARRERA, ALBERTO BUESO MENDOZA, AND KARLA MARIA BARRERA DE BUESO

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, as in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 785 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 785) for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, and Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 785) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, this is truly a tragic case. The young woman on my right was born in Guatemala. She suffers from a rare life-threatening disorder called MSP type VI. This is a genetic condition caused by the absence of an enzyme that is needed for the growth of healthy bones and connective tissue.

She uses a wheelchair, has a shunt in her brain, and requires a tracheotomy to help her breathe. Because this was a clinical trial in 2003 when Ms. Bueso was 7 years old, doctors invited her and her family to come to California so that she could participate in a clinical trial to treat her condition. That trial led to the development of a treatment that is now approved by the FDA. It is a 6-hour infusion of a prescription drug that replaces the enzyme lacking in people with MSP type VI.

Ms. Bueso now receives this life-saving treatment every week at the University of California San Francisco Children's Hospital. This treatment is not available in Guatemala. If she were removed from the United States, she would no longer have access to the life-saving medical care she needs. She would die.

For the past 10 years, Ms. Bueso and her family have received deferred action from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services so that she could continue receiving the treatments that keep her alive.

In 2019, she and her family were notified that their extensions of deferred action were denied and that they would be deported if they did not leave the United States within 33 days. This decision was, effectively, a death sentence for this young person. USCIS ultimately reconsidered its decision and granted Ms. Bueso and her parents an additional extension of deferred action.

But since then, she and her family have lived in fear that they might be forced to leave the United States with no way to provide for the care she needs. She has beaten the odds because of one thing—the lifesaving treatment that she is receiving in the United States.

She is now 26 years old. She lives in Concord, CA. She is a 2018 graduate of Cal State University in the East Bay, and I am very proud of her. She has become an outspoken advocate on behalf of people with rare diseases. Her family pays taxes, owns a home, and is active in their community. The Bueso family will now be allowed to remain in California, where they will continue to enrich their community and where Ms. Bueso will be able to receive the care that allows her to live a life and to thrive.

So I thank you, and I know my colleague Senator PADILLA is here on the floor. I would yield to him.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I, too, want to thank Senator FEINSTEIN for her years of effort to get to this point. I am proud to stand today and now celebrate the passage of H.R. 785, which will provide relief to the Bueso family.

As you heard, the Buesos came to California 20 years ago from Guatemala because their daughter Isabel had been diagnosed with a rare, dangerous genetic disorder that can cause enlarged organs and skeletal abnormalities.

Let me be clear. She was invited—that is right—invited to the United States to participate in a clinical trial at that time by doctors in the San Francisco Bay area to help find a treatment for this condition. Thanks to her participation in this clinical trial, doctors eventually identified and created an effective lifesaving treatment for this disease, not just to help save her life, but others. So, yes, her participation, the treatment that was developed, will save lives of Americans.

To this day, Isabel Bueso depends on this drug, which is administered to her at a hospital in Oakland, CA. But more than that, without this treatment, which is not even available in Guatemala, doctors have said that she cannot survive without it. Here at home in America, Isabel is an inspiration to countless others. As you heard, she graduated summa cum laude from California State University East Bay, where she didn't just graduate with these honors, but she helped create a scholarship for students with disabilities and is now active as an advocate for immigrants and others with disabilities.

I was proud to cosponsor this bill because there are few options left for this family to adjust their status. Isabel has renewed her medical-deferred action status every 2 years for the past 20. Her father obtained H-1B status, but Isabel is now too old to be considered a dependent who could then adjust to get a green card. That is a story for another day.

We know the urgency with which we need to modernize our immigration system, but this is a classic example of folks that are harmed by the overdue modernization of our immigration system. Isabel and her family have deserved better than to be stuck in this limbo for so long.

Colleagues, I am grateful for your support for this measure, which was approved unanimously by the House of Representatives already. As we are in the holiday season, all I can say is that I am grateful that the U.S. Senate was able to pass this bill today.

Thank you, Senator FEINSTEIN.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. May I just make one remark? I want to thank the Senator for his excellent remarks.